

0534 - Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute

Final Progress Report for the reporting period July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

Section I. Agency Update and Assessment

1. Emerging Issues at the Federal (National) or State level affecting the agency.

Agency programs are affected by Federal and State legislation that impact general revenue collections and distributions, financial aid programs and workforce training funding. The court ordered mandate for the distribution of public school funds could adversely affect the funding for this agency.

2. Status of any new initiatives funded from General Revenue or General Improvement funds in the 2003 Legislative Sessions and other changes made through General Legislation.

No new initiatives have been funded through General Revenue or General Improvement funds. Agency is trying to maintain existing programs with curriculum that covers technology changes. Overall funding from state and federal sources has decreased over the past few years and employee salaries and benefit cost have increased. Programs must meet a set criteria to obtain accreditation from an approved Department of Education accrediting agency. Agency is not eligible for Federal Title IV funds without obtaining accreditation. Agency is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education.

3. Discuss significant factors internal and external to the agency affecting agency performance.

The agency is affected by the economy in a rural area. There have been several plant closings resulting in a higher unemployment rate in our service area. Due to the unemployment, enrollment has increased for the re-training of displaced workers. Many students may have to relocate from this region after they complete training, which can affect our placement rates.

The demand for the on site business and industry training has decreased due to the plant closings and layoffs.

The agency provides contracted classes in Major Appliance Service and Carpentry at the federal prison located in Forrest City. The agency has no control over the completion and placement of federal prison inmates which could adversely affect the performance indicators.

4. Provide comments on the usefulness and reliability of performance measures.

The performance measures are useful in evaluating the overall effectiveness of the programs. The data is collected from accurate and verifiable data. The measures are significant and directly related to the agency's mission, goals and objectives. However, these performance measures can be adversely affected by the economy as in the Business/Industry Training hours.

5. Discuss significant uses of line item flexibility in this report period (agencies operating under Performance-Based Appropriations only).

N/A

Section II. Performance Indicators**Program 1: Education and Training**

Goal 1: To design and implement full time and industry specific programs and training classes to meet industry and individual students needs.

Objective 1: Offer technical and career training based upon workforce needs.

<u>Measure Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>FY04 Actual</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Student attainment of academic and technical skill proficiency. (completion rate)	41.5%	56.1%	See comment below
2	Placement in jobs related to training, retention, completion, postsecondary or advanced training, employment or military service.	46%	72.9%	See comment below
3	Business/Industry Training	51,000 clock hours	61,592	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 1:

Completion Rate and Placement Rate was computed on student data for the FY03 School year. The student data for the FY04 school year is incomplete at this time. Subsequent progress reports will provide updated information.

Program 2: Administration and Support

Goal 1: To provide the facilities, equipment, administration and student support, necessary to create an industry standard, positive learning environment, in which students can succeed.

Objective 1: Provide administration and support to accomplish instructional goals.

Measure				
<u>Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>FY04 Actual</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Operating expenditures of the Administration and Support Program as a percent of the total operating budget for the Institute.	28%	30%	
2	Number of prior year audit findings repeated in subsequent audit.	1	0	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 1: